

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-17. (CANCELLED)

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A vehicle heads-up display system comprising:

a source for providing a heads-up display onto a windshield of a moving vehicle;

and

an arrangement for controlling the contrast of the heads-up display relative to an environmental image approaching the moving vehicle, wherein the arrangement includes an optical detector for capturing the environmental image ~~of the environment~~ approaching the moving vehicle and a control coupled to the optical detector for determining texture of the environmental image and for controlling the contrast of the heads-up display in response to the texture of the environmental image approaching the moving vehicle; and

wherein the control arrangement selects an appropriate fill pattern for the heads-up display dependent upon ~~said captured~~ the texture of the environmental image in order to contrast the heads-up display relative to the environmental image.

19. (CANCELLED)

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of providing a heads-up display comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a system for directing a heads-up display onto the windshield of a moving vehicle;

(b) directing a heads-up display onto the vehicle windshield; and

(c) controlling the contrast of the heads-up display relative to an environmental image approaching the moving vehicle, wherein the steps of controlling includes the step of capturing the environmental image ~~of the environment~~ approaching the moving

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vehicle, the step of determining structural features of the environmental image, and the step of controlling the contrast of the heads-up display in response to the structural features of the environmental image captured and by selecting an appropriate fill pattern for the heads-up display dependent upon said captured the structural features of the environmental image in order to contrast the heads-up display relative to the environmental image.

21. (CANCELLED)
